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The Decorator and Furnisher Supplement.

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AMONG THE TRADES.

IN the piano lamp which we illustrate on next page the ROCHESTER LAMP Co. seems to have reached a point beyond which it would be difficult to go. A slight pressure on a small key releases the standard, so that the lamp can be raised or lowered to any height without effort and with the utmost smoothness. The variety of lamps of all kinds to be seen at the warerooms of the company at 25 Warren Street and 1201 Broadway is something bewildering to an ordinary visitor. No one but those who have exhausted themselves in the effort to extinguish a recalcitrant light by blowing down the chimney, can appreciate the Rochester lamp, which can be instantly extinguished by a mechanical device as simple as it is efficacious.

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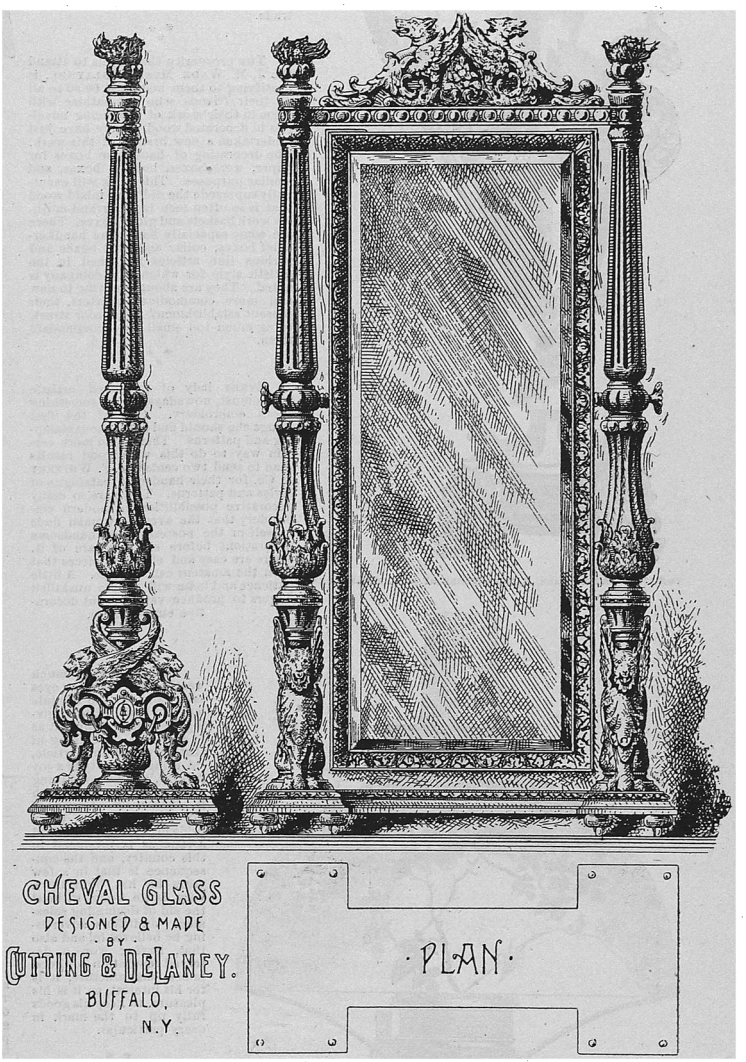
WHO has not heard of SYPHER'S, where there are art treasures gathered from the four quarters of the earth. The statuary and bronzes—Othello, grim and dark, done in a white garment—ideal and historical personages in the finest of chiseling—marble so smooth and fine that it seems to bear the bloom of life. The collection of bronzes and metal goods is well worthy of the attention of connoiseurs, and the art student will find the place a most admirable school.

Indeed amateurs and students can scarcely realize the instruction that could be obtained by frequent visits to such a museum of high class objects of art.

There are tapestries of the very choicest descriptions, carved woods that are almost priceless, metal work that gives one a feeling of amazement that such effects can be produced. By all means spend an hour or two each week at Syphers on Union Square.

LAMP, MANUFACTURED BY E. H. MILLER & CO.



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FOR genuine, practical, reliable furniture, that sort that never splits or cracks, or gets loose in the joints, furniture that is a permanent investment and comes to stay, the prudent housewife is referred to Messrs. F. MOHR & Co., 50 Elizabeth Street, New York. To see the processes of manufacture one could tell that it would last. The wood is heated and glued while hot. The joints are perfectly fitted and a wonderful piece of machinery fits dowels and pins with the most perfect accuracy.

The tables, rockers, hall furniture and parlor suites are in every worthy of the attention of those who value their money and want to get the worth of it.

The finish ranks with the best and prices are suited to the times.

There is much in the way of novelties in this assortment that will repay a careful examination.

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THE artistic householder who can go through the warerooms of the PHŒNIX GLASS Co., at 729 Broadway, corner of Waverley Place, and come out without investing in some of the exquisite glassware there exhibited, or at least having a consuming desire to do so, must be destitute of taste—or of means. The designs and the manner in which they are carried out leave no room for persons with foreign leanings to draw comparisons in favor of imported wares. The collection embraces an extended variety, and there are some notable specimens of high art color and combination. The cut glass exhibit is remarkably fine, and the quality of the material no less than the admirable finish and effect makes the productions of this company among the most desirable and elegant in the market.

IMITATION BRONZE VASE, MANUFACTURED BY E. H. MILLER & CO.

MESSRS. N. L. JUDD & Co., 87 and 89 Chambers street, are showing some exceptionally fine metal goods. Their designs in furniture are artistic and elegant, and give evidence of more than ordinary care in every detail of preparation and manufacture. There are bedsteads in new and unique pattern, charming tables, cabinets that recall the finest old time hand work that our grand dames are so proud. There are also most desirable fire-sets, andirons, fenders, candelabra and lamps in almost endless variety. Parlor tables, easels, chairs, and an infinite variety of smaller pieces in a high grade of design and execution. Novelty goods are admirable, and a specially complete and attractive assortment is in preparation for spring trade.

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THE prosperity that seems to attend the J. M. WADE MOSAIC INLAY Co., is gratifying to them and must be so to all of their friends who sympathize with them in their work of producing novelties in decorated wood. They have just undertaken a new branch of this work. The decorating of handsome boxes for paper, work-boxes, bonbon boxes, and similar purposes. This work will eventually supersede the old time inlaid wood that is so often seen in our grand-mothers work baskets and glove boxes. There are some especially handsome handkerchief boxes, collar and cuff boxes and various like articles furnished in the artistic style for which this company is noted. They are about removing to new and more commodious quarters, their present establishment, 123 Cedar street, being much too small to accommodate them.

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EVERY lady of professed artistic tastes must, nowadays, know something about embroidery. One of the first things she should find out is about stamping and patterns. There is no more certain way to do this with good results than to send two cents to J. F. WHITNEY & Co. for their handsome catalogue of styles and patterns. There are so many decorative possibilities in modern embroidery that the average woman finds herself in the possession of handsome decorations before she is aware of it. There are easy and effective pieces that even the amateur can execute. A little patience and taste will enable unskilled fingers to produce very elegant decorative embroideries.

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IN these days of much weather many anxious eyes seek daily for the tell-tale weather vane, without giving a moment's thought as to the cost of making of that very desirable article. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever," and a good thing carries its own value with it. THOS. W. JONES, of 172 Front Street, takes pride in turning out as good a vane as is produced in this country, and the consequence is that in a few years he has built up a very large trade without the aid of drumming salesmen. Judicious advertising he believes in, and also that, having won a deserved reputation for good honest manufacture, it is for his interest, as it is his pleasure, to keep his goods fully up to the mark in every particular.

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J. RUSSELL & Co., of Reade Street, are making large sales of the Wellington Patent Automatic Cold Air Pressure Furnace, an article that is almost indispensable to painters, decorators and kalsominers, and is also of great utility in the household or anywhere where a safe, light, and portable heating apparatus is desired. The reservoir being perfectly oil and air tight, there is positively no danger from upsetting, so that the most timid need not fear its use.

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THERE is about to be put on the market with the opening of the year an article of sanitary importance to every household in the land. We allude to the SANITARY SAFETY SHIELD, a cover for wash basins, chambers, or closets from which may arise sewer or other poisonous gases. It is quite ornamental as well as useful, being nickel plated, and by its simple mechanical operation make an air-tight cover, thus hermetically sealing any wash-basin or other vessel it may be used on, the rim being adjustable to any size.

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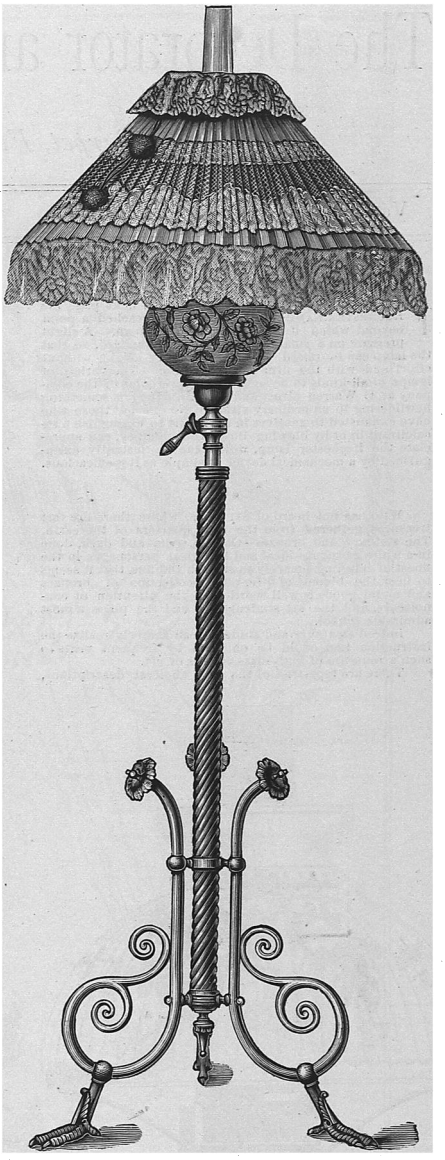

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